



October Minutes

Sunday, October 16th TIME 10 am

- **Present: Sara Flynn, Marika Zimmerly-Beck, Kathleen Altman, Chris Marchini, Alyson Evans, Marci Macfarlane**
- **Regrets: Nadia Sokal**

- **Welcome, Call to Order - 10:07 am**

- **Small Groups guests - Anne Bailey, Jennie McKee, Beverly Tiemann, amy dame**
 - **What has worked/not worked in 2022? What support is needed for 2023?**
 - Number of attendees fluctuates - is there a certain number that is needed in order for the group to continue?
 - Beverly will not be doing Surface Design next year, as there are other resources for people with that interest and the group is small. Will continue improv because that one has more participants. IDEA from Sara to have quarterly in-person surface design activities.
 - Jennie - Zoom is working. Attendees like it and asked for it not to be taken away. People attend from geographically far locations. Zoom important to allow people a sense of community and connection who are not able to attend in person (geography, driving/transportation/mobility challenges for locals)
 - amy - Queer Quilters will continue to be online
 - **Policy/Protocol**
 - Recommendation from amy that small groups that serve DEIA goal should be open to all as part of the guild's community service, i.e. Queer Quilters and Social Justice. Small group leaders responsible for maintaining email list and sending links.
 - If we allow people access for free will they ever join? Maybe offer a number of free guest visits. Harder to manage logistics/privacy/administration if people aren't members.
 - Need to also consider the policy around closed groups. IDEA from amy: If group gets too big, split into two different days.
 - Annie - If people want to attend, please arrive in the first 10 minutes, requests that people don't dip in and out.
 - IDEA - everyone can invite a friend once

- **ACTION ITEM for Sara/Marika:** Sara to do rough draft. First review by Marika, then send to whole board.
- **Review and approve the September 2022 Board Meeting minutes (Sara)**
 - [September Draft minutes](#)
 - Add note that MQG dues discussion was revisited in the October meeting
 - Factual error updated about dues amounts
 - Marika motioned, Chris seconded to approve amended votes - unanimously approved

President's Items (Sara)

- **PMQG & MQG Dues**
 - **review the vote from September**
 - Kathleen made a motion to reverse decision on dues increase. There will be no changes to dues implemented by the 2022 board. Marci seconded - approved unanimously.
- **Town Hall**
 - **decide on agenda items for October meeting**
 - Sara reviewed current agenda and slides
 - **Membership dues feedback, business membership**
 - Hard to know what business members want; Marci has tried to do outreach. Chris Batten willing to take over in a volunteer capacity (not on board). Clarify if their volunteerism on charity quilts meets the \$50 contribution expectation.
 - Need to ensure that description in Thrilled Guild and website match.
 - **ACTION ITEM for Marci:** Review website, Thrilled Guild and more discussion with business members to create first draft of Business Member guidelines.
 - People doing charity quilts that are part of the guild need to tag the guild in social media posts.
 - **ACTION ITEM for Sara/Marci:** Beach Girl Quilts will quilt Fabric Fundraiser quilt Renee is leading.
 - **Meeting space**
 - Rented from 6-9pm. Have to be completely out at 9pm. Likely will need to move start time to 6:30 to allow break-down time to be out of the building at 9pm.
 - **Library - mothball**
 - **Scholarship program updates** - Alyson to review the scholarship guidelines, to be discussed before town hall as it will be an agenda item

- **ACTION ITEM for Alyson/Marci** - Alyson will write-up membership scholarship quarterly idea and review with Marci.
 - **ACTION ITEM for Alyson/Marci** - Alyson add workshop slide, Marci add quilt frame info to free day.

- **Ethics & Election Committee - 2023 Board volunteers**
 - Volunteer needed for tech/social. Consider dividing it into two positions?

- **Meeting space updates**
 - Covered in meeting slides review

- **Nicholas Lapp fabric challenge - Prizes**
 - Marci has them

- **Fabric Fundraiser - Quilt - update**
 - Renee needs more blocks. Website updated with kits and drop-off info.

- **Retreats - Camp Tilikum & Astoria**
 - 17 attendees. 3 people refunded b/c of COVID. Did not lose money - profited a small amount.
 - Plans for Astoria good. No worries about finances.
 - **FOR NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING** - talk about spring virtual retreat

- **Block of the month update + Quiltcon Community Quilt**
 - Casey needs blocks back

- **Charity Quilts:**
 - Fidget quilt charity project (Marika) - update - Kits still available. Not a lot of demand at this time.
 - International spin on Charity quilts (Nadia) - no update at this time
 - **ACTION ITEM for Sara** - add slides for In person Sew days and charity dates with Cath
 - Charity zipper bags and totes -

- **DEIA Committee (Chris)**
 - Talking about embroidery project with BIPOC designer.

- **Meeting Programs/Speakers/Workshops (Marika, Alyson)**
 - October - town hall, see next agenda item

- November - **Sarah Nishiura**
- December - **Charles Cameron**
- March will be extended show and tell and social. Will ask for local members to submit ideas for June, September and December. Non-local option to do Zoom lectures.
- **ACTION ITEM for Marika/Alyson** - make call for speakers slide (member speakers and ideas for others)

- **Treasurer's Report**

- Monthly Treasurer's report, Balance sheet, YTD
- Current projection is to end up with net positive \$4,000
- Proposed 2023 budget is about -\$4,500. Up to next year's board to finalize, approve and announce.
- Kathleen and Sara have received new debit cards. Charges to Kathleen's card have been refunded, charges to Sara's card are under review.
- PayPal account is associated to former member - Kathleen will try to create new account to link to new debit cards.
- Kathleen recommended outside financial review of books at year-end. Marika made motion, Chris seconded - passed with 4 votes (Marci was momentarily absent - and didn't vote, but majority still passed)
- Documenting in Thrilled Guild that there needs to be a minimum of \$15,000 in reserve savings (6 months expenses) unless there is a catastrophe and the board decides to dip in. Kathleen motioned, Marci seconded - passed unanimously.

- **Membership, Procurement (Marci) - Update**

- Open 2023 scholarships on 10/22, close 11/20
- Open sales on 11/21

- **Tech/Social media (Chris)**

No updates

- **Committee Updates/Reports (Sara)**

- small groups leads were asked to be present at the October meeting

- **WIP Circle (Nadia) - no update**

- **Sustainable sewing (Nadia) - Nadia missed the meeting, hopes to bring this up in October, IDEA - Free fabric/sewing library to offer resources to the community from our guild**

- **October Guild Meeting Summary (Sara)**
- **Anything else?**